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## Dining Services employees work without contract for over a year



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Dining Services worker Mary Black makes food for student Mara Rindler. Black and other Dining Services workers have been working without a contract since last April.

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Employees of Wright State University dining services have been working on an expired contract since April 2006.

WSU has a contract with Sodexo, which provides WSU with dining services. Sodexo, an international company, hires employees to staff the dining facilities.

Sodexo employees of dining services are members of United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America (UERMWA) local 792. It is a closed shop, which means that all employees must be union members.

The UERMWA local 792 executive board members Leslie Tinkle, Joan Van Zant, Maria Davis, Ima Turner, Joan McAdoo, and President Dudley Thomas, have been in negotiations with Sodexo management since March 2006, and have been unable to reach an agreement for a new contract.

The main issues of contention are wages and health insurance, said Davis. Van Zant added, "Sodexo wants to take away our right to bargain for health insurance."

While working under the expired contract, employees have retained their old health insurance policies, but have not received pay raises.

"A letter of agreement extends the previous contract. Any wage increases will be made retroactive to April of last year. This is not an issue of management trying to withhold wages," said Chuck Porter, resident district manager for Sodexo.

Steve Anderson, of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Cincinnati

district, has worked to reach a consensus between union members and management. Under the Labor-Management Act of 1947, FMCS provides free mediation services in contract negotiation disputes between employers and their unionized employees. Parties only need to ask.

Tinkle said Anderson left the most recent meeting after 45 minutes, because neither side was willing to compromise.

"We work together to resolve issues and we have a very good working relationship with the executive board and union members. We have a common interest that we are here to serve the students," said Porter.

Van Zant said, "A lot of employees are feeling on edge, unsure of what is going on. Union members are putting pressure on us because they want their money."

Tinkle said, "We have always had a good working relationship with [Sodexo] management; we're just frustrated now. We would like to see a fair settlement."

This dispute does not directly involve students. Students are not allowed to work more than 20 hours per week on campus. Any employee working more than 20 hours is required to join the union; and, being a closed shop, only union members may be employed in dining services.

Union members are discussing new tactics, such as wearing green ribbons and badges with slogans, said Van Zant.

"The first contract took 18 months to negotiate, and from there minor changes are generally made. The changes circle around economics. We are very close to reaching a settlement," said Porter.

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James Banks plays a drum set with the WSU Pep Band at the WSU basketball game.

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# CRIME NOTES

**February 8, 2007** – A community advisor smelled a marijuana odor coming from a dorm room from which the resident had just left.

When the roommate returned, the CA got permission to search the room and found marijuana paraphernalia.

Since the owner of the paraphernalia had not given permission to search, police could not issue a citation, but they still confiscated the goods.

**February 7, 2007** – Police were dispatched to Hawthorne Hall to assist medics in a complaint of illness. Officers observed a strong odor of marijuana and a light haze in the room and the student's eyes were bloodshot and glassy.

Upon further questioning the student became defensive and threatening, and officers used physical force to restrain him.

He was taken to the hospital by

medics and will be cited for possession.

**February 11, 2007** – Officers received a report of a fight in progress in Laurel Hall. When they responded they found two individuals holding another individual against the wall and several broken pictures and other items scattered on the floor.

The individual being held resisted arrest and was served a criminal trespass warning.

**February 2, 2007** – A Physical Plant employee reported that a door at the baseball stadium was damaged with evidence of breaking and entering.

There had been evidence of breaking and entering before, including a damaged cabinet door and a broken window in the press box. There was also damage to the coaches' and umpires' locker rooms.

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# WSU's GPA scale may change

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## ■ GPA changes would give WSU students an edge for grad school

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The possibility for a grading scale change has been set in motion.

"The most important points I want to get across are that the system I want to implement doesn't even carry a weight, so no GPAs would change. Even with a weighted scale, most GPAs don't even change that much, and a plus/minus scale would give students interested in grad school a much more competitive edge," said Krystal Karshner, college of liberal arts senator to student government.

In order for the issue to be on the faculty senate agenda for the March session, it must be submitted by Feb. 21.

Karshner advocates a system currently used by Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of

Maryland.

Under this scale, grades of A+, A, and A- would all carry the same weight for grade point average calculation.

The plus and minus marks would appear on a student's transcript, recognizing them for their hard work.

This would give them a more competitive advantage for graduate school applications.

The change would give Wright State more credibility as an institution, said Karshner, who is also a senior majoring in English.

"Of the 34 top universities listed by the University of Maryland, only three did not use a plus/minus scale... Some of the universities that

used a plus/minus scale were Yale, Penn State, and Stanford," she added.

"I am not trying to make Wright State an Ivy League comparison, but it does have the markings of a fine university. This would just make it more credible," said Karshner.

"Wright State is often compared to

Ohio State University, and they operate under a plus/minus scale. The students fought to implement it in the 1970s. OSU does not offer an A+, but it does begin to drop off with an A-," said Karshner.

Instructors must follow the same scale, or adhere to a clearly marked scale on the syllabus, she added. Missouri University faced some challenges when instructors strayed from the grading scale.

For example, all professors would have to use pluses and minuses. Other inconsistencies might arise if one professor decides an A+ is a grade of 97-100, and another professor decides that an A+ is 95-100.

There would be less error in the grade assigned and greater fairness in grading, said Karshner.

There would be greater motivation to do end-of-the-quarter work, and grades

would provide a better representation of the student's work, added Karshner.

The change would also benefit transfer students. Under the current system, transfer students from a university with a plus/minus scale have their transcript evaluated and their grades are suited to Wright State's grading scale.

Karshner has been working on this idea for almost a year.

"I came up with the idea last March. I did some research and found out that WSU has considered the GPA change several times, and it kept getting rejected, so I got really discouraged and stopped... This year's student government was much more supportive, so that helped," said Karshner.

"I contacted Dr. James Sayer because he's the faculty senate president, and he put me in touch with Dr. Amer, and the project really took off then."

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*-Krystal Karshner, Student Government COLA senator*

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## "The Vagina Monologues" opens Friday

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Vaginas. 55 percent of us have one, according to Tabatha Wharton, and they're the premise of this weekend's show, "The Vagina Monologues", Feb. 23, 24, and 25 at 7 p.m.

Written by Eve Ensler, "The Vagina Monologues" is based on her interviews with hundreds of women about their vaginas. They are a series of dramatic readings from a script by performers wearing all black.

Held in the medical science auditorium, shows are open to any student in the area for \$8 with ID, and to adults for \$10. Proceeds will benefit campus and V-Day Worldwide, an organization started by Ensler to stop violence against women and girl children.

Women often connect over the many stories that range in topics from your first period, to different types of moans, to difficult topics about violence, according to Wharton, organizer and director of Wright State's show.

"It's telling other women's stories through being a woman yourself," said Wharton.

V-Day sells the Monologue play rights and in return receives 10 percent of profits. Profits go towards V-Day's spotlight cause.

This year's theme is 'Reclaiming Peace' and money will help women who are in any way connected to war, like widows, survivors, victims, mothers and wives.

The other 90 percent of profits will go towards Wright State's Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) and The Women's Center in order to support such things as sexual assault awareness week and activities in April and to possibly pay someone in the future to work on increasing sexual assault awareness and prevention on campus for The Women's Center.

Statistics show one in four women between ages 18 and 24 have been raped, according to Wharton.

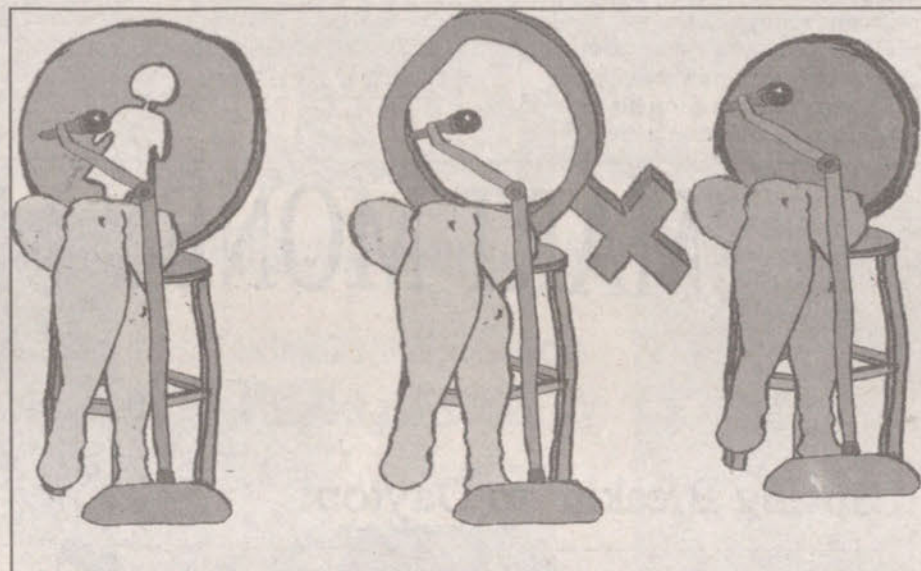
"We are looking to raise money for sexual assault awareness and prevention here on campus," said Wharton.

"Wright State's campus is one of many in the state of Ohio that does not have a rape policy, a disciplinary policy for somebody who's accused of or has attempted to or completed a rape against another student. It's really important to get the resources out there so if something were to happen, people know where to go and what to do," she added.

Also at the show, Planned Parenthood will have a table to discuss emergency contraception, free literature will

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*-Tabith Wharton, director*



Cassandra Hall / The Guardian

be available about the Women's Center and other campus and area resources. Sales of chocolate vaginas will be contributed to V-Day.

"It's amazing when you say the word vagina, people freak out. They're kinda like, 'It's a show about vaginas?' No, it's not a show about vaginas. 'Oh, okay.' We're raising money for sexual assault awareness and prevention on campus. 'Oh! It's really not as scary as it is. It's very funny and it's very touching and it's very poignant.'"

"It really is a great experience. We have had people cry, we have had people like almost pee themselves laughing. I think it would be a great way to support sort of just general awareness on campus about this sort of issues and

get a dialogue started," said Wharton.

The show is co-sponsored by FMLA and The Women's Center and features FMLA members, students who auditioned and professors representing a wide age range of women.

"Part of Eve's vision with, there's sort of a nasty connotation to the word vagina, like you can say penis all day long and people are like, 'hehe penis,' but you say vagina and people are like, 'ohh, why did you just say that?' It's almost a dirty word and she's trying to make it not dirty. It's sort of reclaiming a bit of womanhood, but also understanding that what women go through as a gender is kind of remarkable and amazing," said Wharton.



# Student Organization fair coming up Thursday

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Students interested in getting more involved on campus may find themselves at this week's student organization fair.

The event gives every organization on campus — from Air Force ROTC to Zeta Tau Alpha, Amnesty International to the NAACP — an opportunity for exposure and to bring in new members.

"I think it's a good opportunity for students to find more about the different groups on campus," says Jordan Slone, a junior political science major and member of College Democrats of Wright State University. "People may not know who you are."

Past student org fairs have featured Student Government and campus fraternities as well as Army and Air Force ROTCs, but all student org groups are invited to have a table at the event and free food will be on hand courtesy of Student Government.

The House of Representatives planned student organization fair will be held in the Student Union, Thursday, Feb 22 from 12 to 3 p.m.

A list of all the Student Orgs on campus can be found at [http://www.wright.edu/studentactivities/studentorgs/org\\_list/index.html](http://www.wright.edu/studentactivities/studentorgs/org_list/index.html). Students interested in forming their org can also find information there.



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## Wright State and Sinclair collaborate to benefit engineering students

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With a \$2 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), Wright State has launched an initiative with Sinclair Community College called the STEP project (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program).

The project hopes to implement an EGR 101 at Sinclair Community College, as well as a reform of the early math classes required within an engineering curriculum and a change in the sequence in engineering courses.

The expected first year outcomes of the project would result in a 10 percent increase of the retention of students majoring in engineering, a 10 percent increase in the number of engineering majors entering Wright State from Sinclair, and an additional fifty graduate students per year.

An SM 101 course would also be implemented as a requirement for science majors.

"This will provide a unified first-year experience for (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) majors at both institutions. Both EGR 101 and SM 101 will be taught by existing faculty at WSU and Sinclair," said Nathan W. Klingbeil, an associate professor of engineering.

Starting in 2004-2005, Wright State introduced EGR 101, a first-year engineering math class dealing exclusively with math topics at the core of engineering.

That year the different engineering departments implemented EGR 101 as a requirement, and saw first year student retention increase from 68 percent to 78.3 percent compared to the first four years.

According to numbers provided by Klingbeil, 58 percent of students in the engineering school leave and pursue another major before they complete first-year calculus.

EGR 101 would function as the only math pre-requisite for entering an engineering school.

As part of the project, the early math curriculum at both Wright State and Sinclair will be reformed, as well as the sequence in which required engineering classes will be taken by majors.

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# Students on a Soapbox:

## What do you think of the proposed GPA scale?



*"I don't think it's effective, because you can't get higher than a 4.0 for an A+, and it lowers your GPA. It also depends on whether it is an upper level class or not."*

- Molly Liles,  
senior international business major



*"You don't get any extra points for an A+, but an A- will lower your GPA. An A is an A, and changing the scale like that would differentiate students even more."*

- Mandi Jennings,  
junior human resources management major



*"I wouldn't have a problem with it. An A would still be an A. Plus it would keep the idiots out of medical school."*

- Benjamin Kohn,  
senior chemistry major



*"I am opposed to it, especially for science majors. It would hurt peoples' GPA's, because it seems that more people are on the lower scale of a grade."*

- Scott Eilerman,  
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# Shuffle up and deal: WSU annual poker tournament open to all this weekend

## ■ Third annual poker tourney offers over \$2,000 in prizes

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The annual Texas Hold'em Tournament is back for its third year at WSU this coming weekend. The event takes place Feb. 24 and 25 in the Student Union Multipurpose Room with registration tables at the Hangar and Union Market all week.

The tournament has grown and organizers expect to sell between 200

and 300 tickets for this year, said tournament organizer and Student Government president Brad Turner.

"It's the third year and we are getting good at it. It's bigger and better than ever," said Turner.

This year the tournament has attracted some great sponsors, said Turner. Sponsors for this year include Starbucks, La Rosa's, Apple Computers, the Woods Community Council and many different student organizations.

"No organization owns the event. It's a group effort for scholarships and making campus life better," said Turner.

Over \$2,000 worth of prizes will be divided between the top 18 finishers. Prizes include a World Series of Poker inspired bracelet, a Nintendo Wii and a video iPod.

The event is open to everyone, not just WSU students, but WSU students get in for a cheaper price.

Students and faculty/staff can register for \$10 this week and \$15 at the door.

Non-WSU participants can register for \$20 before the event and \$25 the day of. Students short on cash may bill their entry fee to their bursar account.

"People can volunteer as well as play. We are also teaching people to play," said Michael Allbright, Honors Community director and organizer of the tournament.

Inexperienced players still have a shot at the finals because tournament organizers raffle off a certain number of spots, said Allbright.

The annual poker tournament is held

to raise money for scholarships. The last two years combined raised over \$4,000 dollars. All of the proceeds go to WSU scholarships.

This year organizers expect to raise between \$3,000 and \$4,000. This money goes to make up about 25 percent of Residence Services Scholarships.

Players in the tournament will receive all of the Starbucks coffee, hot chocolate or tea they can drink, while La Rosa's pizza will be served to players who make the finals.

Also, regional band Orange Willard will be performing on Sunday at 4 p.m. just before the finals.

The finals begin at 5:15 p.m. and run until about 10:30 p.m.



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# Proposal deadline looming for upcoming Quest Conference

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Students who actively care about any dimension of diversity, such as multiculturalism, race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, disability, age and access to higher education, still have the opportunity to participate in Wright State's quest conference.

Students may submit proposals either per e-mail or physically dropping it off at the Student Union Event Services office by next Friday, March 2 by 5 p.m. The conference will be held on April 13, 2007.

"Quest for Community: A Call to Action" is a state-wide conference held annually at Wright State University.

It is a one-day affair with insightful workshops, structured discussions, media presentations and activities, all designed to foster an understanding of, and commitment to, diversity issues.

This year's theme is "The Strength of Difference: Transforming Communities for the Future."

"The purpose is to bring faculty, staff, and students together to discuss diversity, multiculturalism, equality and

inclusion in higher education," said Amber Vlasnik, director of Women's Center. Vlasnik is a co-chair of the conference committee, together with Jeffrey Vernoo, Director of Disability Services.

"We expect innovative ways of thinking about and addressing diversity," said Vlasnik.

Proposals can be papers, presentations, workshops, performances, or other creative modes of conveying the content related to promoting the acceptance of diversity in an academic environment.

Throughout the week there will be a series of programs and events for students who might not have time to come to the free conference.

"Students should participate, because they have their thumb on the pulse of the university community, and anything that they voice will be helpful in lessening the disconnection between the

faculty, staff and the students," said Teisha Murray, a junior majoring in sociology, who is representing the

Student Government on the planning committee. The planning committee consists of 30 individuals, including students.

"It is a collaborative effort from across all campus. Students should be excited and get involved in it," said Vlasnik.

"It is a chance for student organizations to meaningfully discuss those issues, as well as for individuals who

are doing research on those subjects," said Vlasnik.

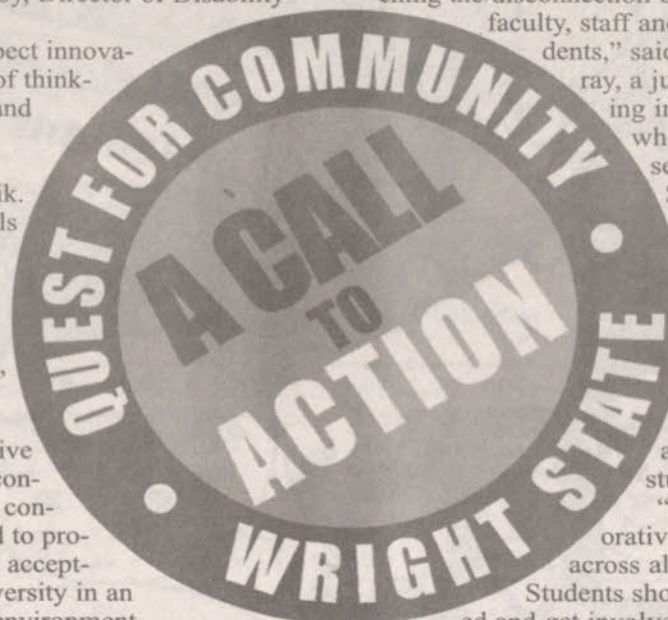
"It is an excellent opportunity to showcase the work they are doing," said Vlasnik.

"Also, it helps with professional development, because the proposals are rated, and it is something to put on a resume. It can also be a practice for the national conference," Vlasnik added.

An example of a proposal last year was done by a student. It was about Medicare D, which addressed social justice, the elderly and their access, equality, inclusions, and not leaving people behind.

"Students have to be an active part of any changes they want to see, and any issues they believe need to be addressed. In light of Wright State's efforts to enhance diversity, we must not forget that diversity without unity is problematic. Diversity alone is not enough," said Murray.

"It is also a unique opportunity to meet with staff, faculty and other students. It is a campus-wide presentation enabling us to see what people are doing, how things can be done better, and what will be done in the future," Vlasnik added.



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Where will you live next year?!?!?

CAMPUS HOUSING LOTTERY

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NOON to 6:00 PM

Multipurpose Room - Student Union

Campus Housing is the way that students living on campus choose where they want to live for the next year. Students living on campus now must pickup their lottery numbers in the Residence Services Office to participate in Lottery 2007.

The Campus Housing Lottery will be held on Sunday, March 4th from 12:00 pm to

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## Editorial

### No school is good and bad

The last seven days have had more snow days called than the last seven years of Wright State's history. You won't hear many complaints from the students, especially from the commuting students, but with every easy win comes a price.

Tests get pushed back, lessons become compromised, and students living in the dorms are stuck with nothing to do and nowhere to go. Is this going to become a trend for the Winter Quarter, or is this more related to the new president and provost?

It would be a terrible tragedy if someone got injured on their way to school because the roads were too dangerous, but school hasn't been cancelled under similar circumstances in the past.

But the past years didn't have Hopkins as president, and everyone likes to make a good first impression. If someone died because they were required to drive thirty miles through a blizzard to take a test, that would be a horrible stain on Hopkins' record.

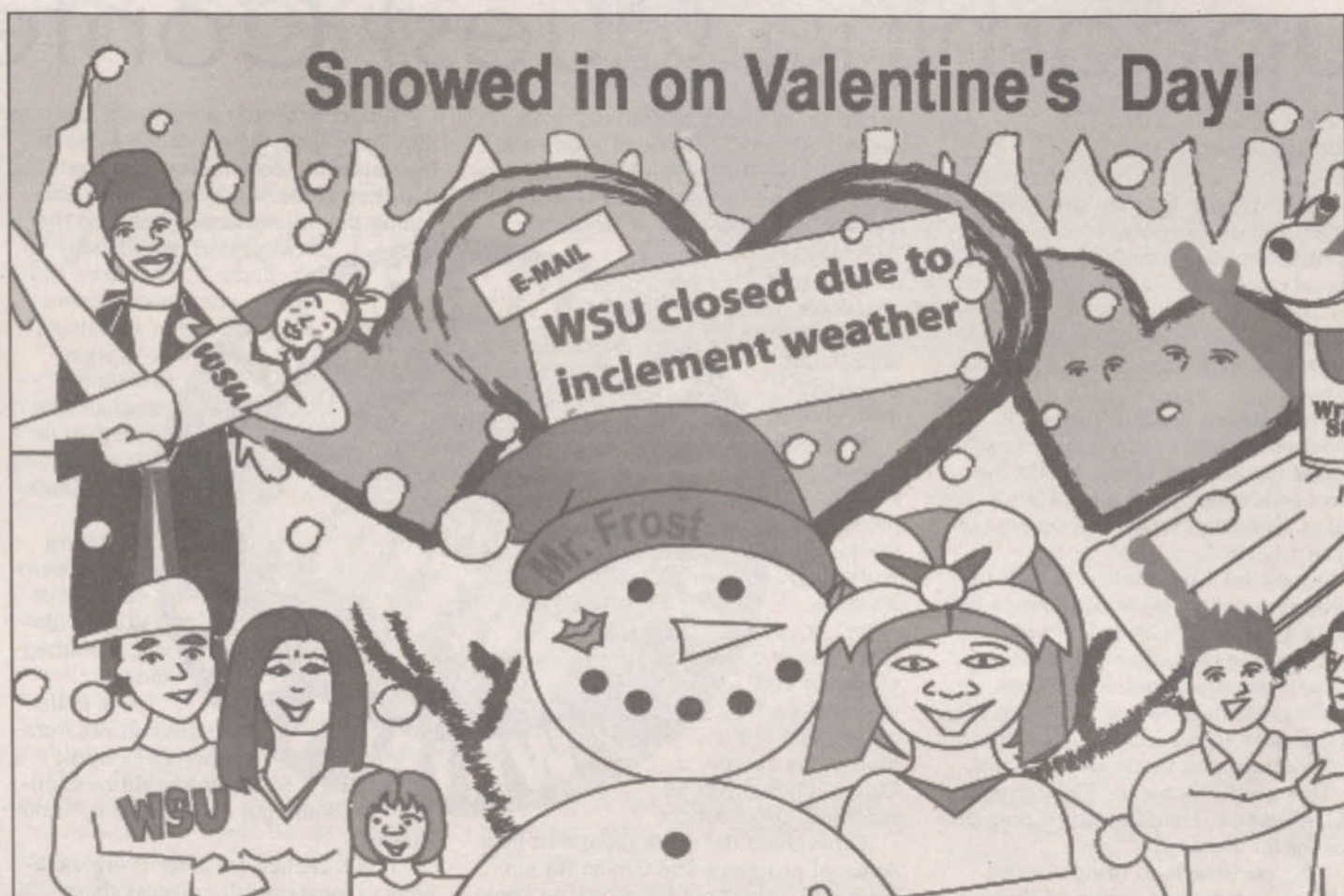
Another factor to consider is the global climate changes. Summers are getting hotter and winters are getting colder. A few years ago the snowstorms weren't as heavy.

This is a change that's going to become more and more obvious and dangerous over the next few decades, and necessary changes are required. Wright State is a commuter school, after all. The majority of its students brave the roads to attend classes, regardless of their condition.

So are the recent snow days the new president's way of making friends with the student body, or is it a response to the increasingly bad weather?

One option is not necessarily better than the other, but students pay a lot of money to come to school and every time school is cancelled, a little bit of that money is wasted. It's a delicate balance, but the new head of the university should be able to handle it.

I'm dreaming of a white...Valentine's Day?



## Letters to the Editor

### SG should not be a scapegoat

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I thought that it was very ironic that when I picked up this week's issue of The Guardian that there was an article about the never-ending problem of parking. And yesterday and today, in my opinion, were the worst that it has ever been.

I would like to know why the student parking lots were not plowed. The faculty parking lots and visitor parking lots were all nicely plowed. No snow to be seen. In those parking lots you could actually tell where the lines were.

I don't think that there is a good enough excuse why not all parking lots were plowed. I am sure many other students would agree that we pay a lot of money to come to this school and I should have to put my truck into four wheel drive in order to park. Whoever Wright State has hired for plowing this university is worthless. Wright State really needs to find someone else.

If the excuse is, "Well the university was closed on Wednesday and the

roads were bad," that isn't right. By Wednesday at noon there was no problem getting anywhere due to the road conditions, because I had to go to work. So that should not even be an excuse for not having all the parking lots plowed on campus.

Hell, the Fairfield Commons Mall had all their parking lots plowed. Nobody was guessing where the lines were for the parking spots.

Another thing that has made me mad the last couple of days are all the students that leave a 3 feet or even larger gap between cars now. How stupid is that. Talk about even less parking spaces. Apparently common sense does not exist at this school.

### Food gouging rampant on campus

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As one of many students on campus, I must consume food from time to time. Nothing is more convenient for a commuter than eating on campus. However, I have recently found myself giving up my hard-fought parking space to commute to Wendy's.

Why? My class schedule dictates

that I am on campus for most of the day on Tuesdays and the entire day on Thursdays. By entire day, I mean 8 a.m. until 9:25 p.m.

During one of my 15 minute breaks, I would run to The Hangar and grab a chicken sandwich, fries, cookies and a soda.

Rushing to the register with fries falling to the floor the clerk would ring up my order as \$6.25. \$6.25!?!? Last time I chatted with any of my fellow college students, WE ARE POOR! How can anyone expect a student to afford to eat on campus with these outrageous food prices?

For the same amount of money I can purchase four bacon-cheeseburgers, fries and a cold-frosted dessert. My business professors would be proud to know that I find the latter to be a better use of funds.

There is agreement that due to the parking situation, students would rather pay these prices than give up their parking spot, only to return and have to park further away. Not to mention arrive late to class.

I feel that, from time to time, we are trapped into eating on campus. And that is exactly how I see it, trapped. Something must be done to cease this price gouging.

However, my wallet does not. My wallet plays the role of the devil on my shoulder... "Don't give them the money that you don't have!"



## Food workers caught in the middle

### Food workers get no breaks and little thanks for a job not many people want to do

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I was extremely offended by Ms. Franklin's article about the dining facilities in the February 14th edition of the paper. The number one reason being the fact that I know and adore every single so called "scowling stranger" that work in the dining facilities.

My mother is one of them. According to her article everything but the C-store closed down on February 6th.

This is not true. Union Market remained open until seven o'clock that evening. A simple walk further than Allyn Hall would have shown this.

As to the two hour delay on February 7th, the Hanger, Wright Cup, and Café Wright being closed is a University policy, not the choice of the employees. Her comment about our tuition dollars paying the salaries of the employees in the dining facilities is completely incorrect.

Believe me, if WSU paid my mom to serve some of the rude students she does (and yes, I have witnessed this), I would not be forking out quite as much to attend school. And what student actually wants to work in food service?

*"...tell me why my mom and her friends should risk their lives to serve students who would never in a million years dream of saying Thank You."*

-Kathryn McAdoo

Students are only allowed to work 20 hours a week and those hours have to be extremely flexible. I worked at Chick-fil-A in Fairfield Commons for nearly two years, and though I smiled and was friendly to every customer, I was still treated poorly, and by that time I was already halfway finished with my bachelor's degree.

Though I enjoyed my two years with the company, there is no way I am going to work fast food again if I can help it. On days when roads are deemed too dangerous for me to drive to school, please tell me why my mom and her friends should risk their lives to serve students who would never in a million years dream of saying "Thank You."

Yet, she and the other employees of Union Market made it in to serve the students who live on campus. My mom always serves with a smile and sometimes I really wonder why.

When fellow students, that are studying to become teachers, doctors, lawyers, etc., see it as okay to degrade the food service employees and the food they prepared, then I feel it should be okay for the employees to defend themselves with out the consequence of being fired.

Just because we are in college does not give us the right to be rude, we are no better then anyone else. How about we use the kind and respectful words we all learned in grade school. The employees in the dining facilities are our elders after all.

Surely college students are more mature than a group of fifth graders.

### Physical Plant should shovel out snow removal policy

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I am writing you today to express my extreme displeasure in the snow removal of this campus. I would have assumed that after having two days off of school, the parking lots and walkways would have been cleared off by now. I was wrong.

A friend of mine said that when they came into school this morning that Lot 20 was not even plowed and that the snow removal teams were just beginning to plow the area. Lot 4, where I normally park, was just as bad.

The snow is still sitting in the parking lots. The walkway by Millett leading from the shuttle stop is covered with snow making walking up the steps treacherous.

I went to the men's basketball game on Wednesday night and saw that the snow removal teams took the time to thoroughly clear the Nutter Center. Are athletics more important than faculty and students?

This is not the first time that I have been displeased with the snow removal here on campus. I strongly urge the Physical Plant to evaluate how the snow removal process is done and make changes where necessary.

### Have you noticed...

■ That the path along University Boulevard meant for commuters walking to and from Lot 20 still isn't plowed?

■ Wright State has 4 different online operating systems including WINGS, WINGS Express, Course Studio, and Web CT?

**This is what we have noticed...what have you noticed?**

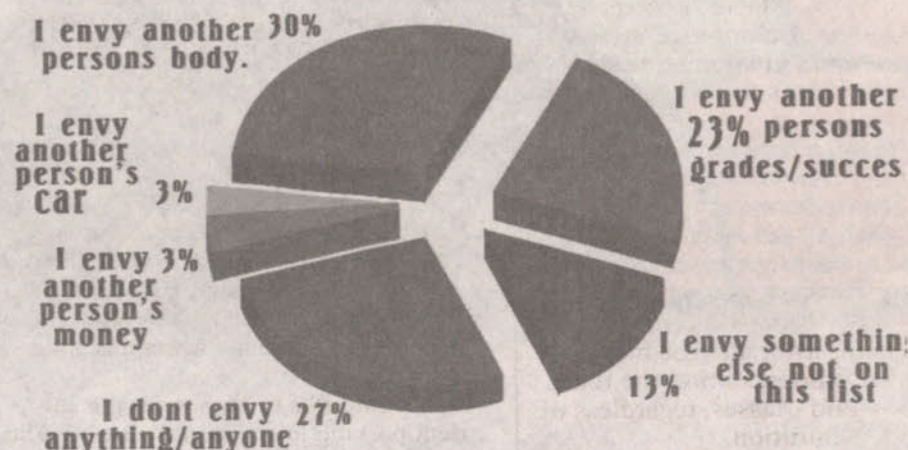
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## Pie Polls!!!

27 people voted in this week's poll  
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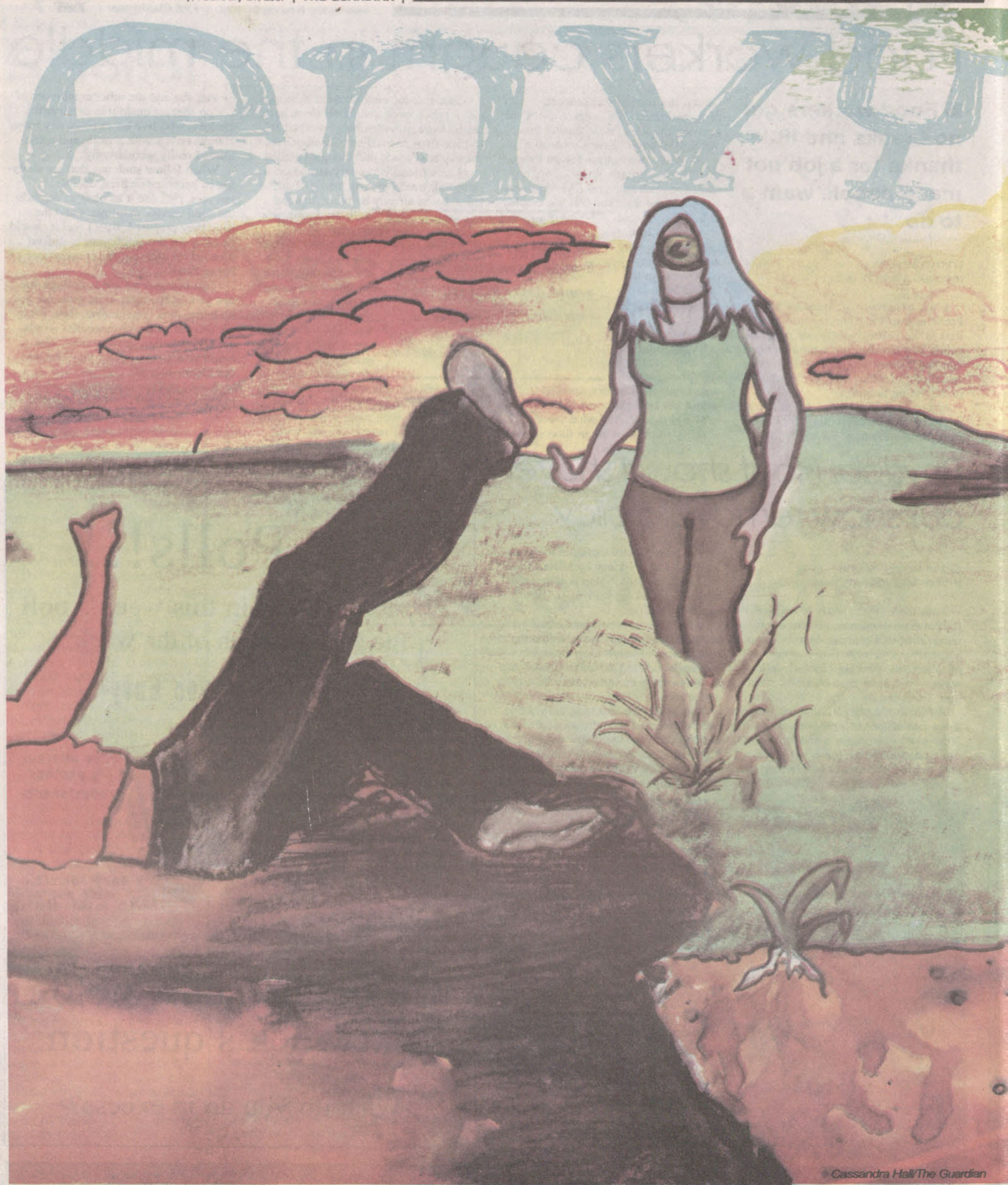
### Who/What do you Envy?



**Go online and vote on next week's question:**

**What do you do in excess?**







# ENVY

## The seven deadly sins series Find out what makes students green with envy

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The seven deadly sins have now been applied to college students' daily lives. Affecting students in several ways, envy is healthy until it turns into stress.

Midwestern English professor Thomas Benton wrote 'The 7 Deadly Sins of Students,' based on his observations, noting competition is good when encouraging students to do better. Otherwise, competition furthers political and personal agendas.

"Envy is the voice of resignation that cringes at the success of one's peers," said Benton.

Students explain what causes envy in many ways.

"Probably money, relationships, grades. I would say people who don't have a girlfriend or boyfriend would be jealous of somebody who does if they haven't found somebody yet," said John Maltinsky, a management information systems major.

"I think more people are jealous of an economic thing because in our society, people who are economically better

than you are, or anything like a higher class, they tend to not usually have better abilities, but their abilities overshadow yours. It's not that their abilities are more, it's that economically they are," said freshman Bethany Boulis, a communications major.

Envy is bad when it's long-lasting and thought consuming, causing students to sabotage and degrade who they're envious of, according to assistant professor Martyn Whittingham of the School of Professional Psychology.

"Chronic, pervasive envy is not healthy, particularly when it does not lead to self-improvement," said Whittingham.

"I think envy causes stress because it

makes you doubt yourself. Anytime like, even if you doubt yourself so you want to change who you are or you

want to be something else, it causes stress if you're not that person," said fourth year Lakeisha Cook, a business major.

Many emotions result. "People sometimes do and sometimes do not realize they are jealous. Sometimes they have insight to recognize it but often they will defend against the realization and instead it may come out in anger toward the person they are jealous of," said Whittingham.

"However, this anger also disguises feelings of insecurity and lowered self-esteem that people tend to defend against, thus providing even more likelihood people will try and avoid the

definition. People who are hostile and envious tend to get much less social approval and support from peers," added Whittingham.

As discontent and longing for what others have, envy is shown by personal comparisons and questioning self-worth, according to Whittingham and Tangney and Saloney's work.

"Jealousy and envy are not the same thing. Jealousy is the bigger construct while envy is subsumed within this. Jealousy involves worry about loss of a valued relationship, particularly one that is intimately tied up with one's sense of self. Envy is desiring a feature or belonging or talent of someone else," said Whittingham.

When students grow, self-reflect, learn and are motivated from envy, it can be good, say the psychologists. However, fewer people take this route, because it's more difficult, according to Benton.

Students agree. "I'd say probably because it's harder to look at yourself than it is to look at other people because you're constantly looking at other people," said Kevin Grounfelder, a sophomore marketing major.

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*-Martyn Whittingham, assistant professor of the School of Professional Psychology*

## Release the envy and find the virtue of kindness

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Students who keep taking the path of least resistance or the easy way out, will meet more unhappiness in their lives than students who choose self-denial and self-questioning, according to Midwestern professor Thomas Benton.

Benton, author of 'The 7 Deadly Sins of Students,' thinks that students should be able to avoid these sins with the knowledge of the 'Seven Contrary Virtues,' which a liberal arts education ought to provide.

The contrary virtue of envy is kindness or can also be referred to as contentment.

"I think it's important for people to be at least satisfied with their lives and if you're not satisfied, yeah I guess

content. I mean, you're never going to be able to go anywhere in your life if you're stuck on somebody else," said freshman Bethany Boulis, a communications major.

The basis of envy is how people define themselves. By changing how they define themselves, accepting the success of others and being motivated by other's success, students can be more content with their lives, according to assistant professor Martyn Whittingham of the School of Professional Psychology.

Envy that inspires action and growth isn't bad.

"Competition can be good if it doesn't continue to the point where you're questioning your own worth or your own value. Where it's okay if I lose the tournament or whatever the situation is," said psychologist Jeanene Robinson, of Counseling and Wellness.

"If I lose this competition, then that means that I'm worthless, I'm not valuable, I'm not worth love, that's when it gets to be too much, but if it's, 'oh if I don't win this competition, I'm still a great person, maybe next time I can do it.' You know as long as the view of yourself isn't shaken by that competition, that's how you can tell if it's too much or not," continued Robinson.

Contentment also means better perspectives on life and stress relief.

"They can always have something to strive after. Something to look forward to make themselves better," said sophomore Jonathan Beightler, an accounting major.

"Another word I think of when I think of contentment is acceptance. Acceptance of who you are and acceptance of where you are in the environment that you're in. It doesn't necessarily mean that you're not going to move

toward a better class or a class below, but if you can accept where you are right now, then I believe it could help," said Robinson.

Difficult life situations can make it difficult for people to be content.

"I think that when you wind up not thinking the environment has enough resources, you're not going to get what you want or need for you, yourself, you don't have the capability to get what you need from the environment, so if you don't believe in your own capability, then I think that will lend you to becoming jealous over people trying to get those things," Robinson said.

The big question is whether you can value both yourself and someone else without taking from either, according to Whittingham.

The virtues are to combat the deadly sins, said Benton.

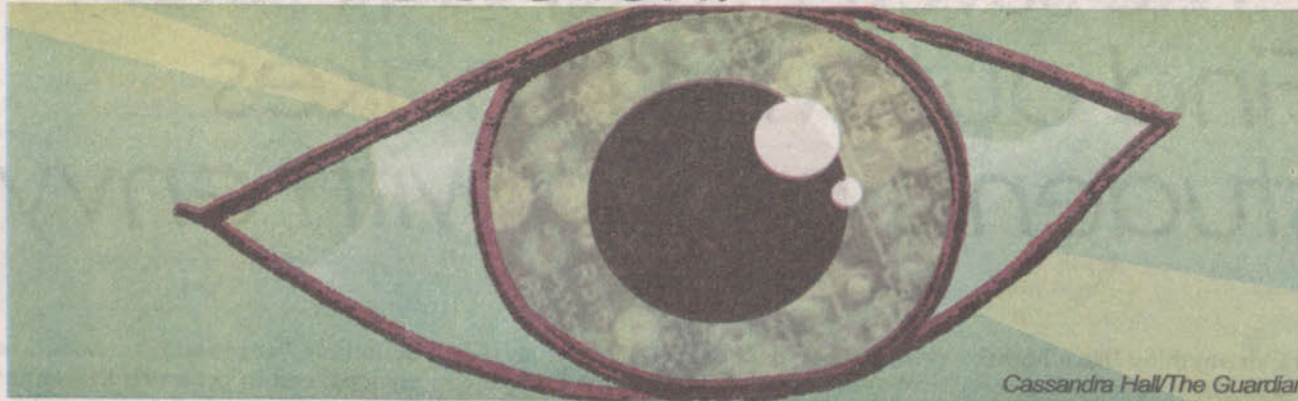
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students envious on page 14

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# KINDNESS



## The tech addiction:



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## How the latest gadgets can make students envious of others

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When was the last time you saw someone just walking across campus, without an iPod or a cell phone? The deadly sin of envy can in many ways apply students' need to have the latest gadget.

Best Buy employee and junior computer science major Brandon Gump can attest to what could best be called "tech addiction."

"Any time there is a new game console people always wait outside stores in a line when people know a store is going to be getting any in," said Gump.

Reliance on gadgets such as iPods and TiVo have even changed the way companies advertise to college students, according to associate professor of marketing Dr. Charles Gulas.

"It's harder and harder to reach the college demographic because fewer people listen to the radio," said Gulas.

He also explained that fewer people are watching commercials because of gadgets like TiVo. Companies, including those marketing the same tech products causing the challenge, must find innovative ways to reach students.

"Companies try to create a buzz. They try to get their product in the

hands of celebrities and trendsetters," added Gulas.

Senior history major Eric Adducchio feels it's the advertisers who cause tech addiction. "Of course students are tech addicted, but it's nothing new. If you watch or listen to any sort of media, we are pumped with advertisements compelling us to buy the newest, greatest,

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**-Josh Dean, junior, art major**

and hottest items on the market."

It's no surprise that people want these gadgets, since we are bombarded by clever marketing tricks compelling us to purchase every item imaginable. It's really quite sad, but unless people are willing to think for themselves it will never go away," said Adducchio.

Many students will freely admit they

have a problem with tech addiction.

"I'm either on my computer talking on AIM with friends and listening to music or playing on the Internet. I check my e-mail like four times a day. I have to have my cell phone with me at all times - I feel weird without it," said junior psychology major Leah Paul.

"Everyone has their particular device they can't live without. Some people have Bluetooth headsets for their cell phones, for others they'd die if they didn't play Xbox. For me personally, I sleep with my iPod," said junior art major Josh Dean.

Other students represent the other end of the tech addiction spectrum.

"I've had the same cell phone for the last two and a half years, I still use a CD player for headphones when I want to listen to music, I have no iPods or MP3 players, and I don't play video games," said junior accountancy major Alana Albers.

Senior financial services major Kevin Kuehner feels the ubiquitous cell phone can be an annoyance.

"There is nothing more disrespectful than answering your cell phone during a conversation. The person that called during the conversation can be called back after the conversation is over," said Kuehner.

## Quest for Smooches

### Love at first sight, right?

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Blind dates. Two words that are about as fun to hear as "Russian Roulette." Agreeing to a blind date is risky business because you're letting your friends pair you up with someone they think you would like. I don't know about you, but I don't trust my friends to repay me five bucks much less pick out my next love. Blind dates are generally a bad idea. Sometimes, though, bad ideas sound like really good ideas.

Next thing you know, you've agreed to go out with your friend's friend, sight unseen. They didn't even give you a name, so you can't use Facebook to give yourself a one-up. What do you expect: something more "Princess Bride" or more "Bride of Frankenstein?" Well, you've gone and made mistake number one: expectations.

Once you imagine some red-haired, green eyed beauty then you set yourself up for a fall, because chances are good that your friends don't have such a girl on hand. So rather than picturing some bonny lass and being let down, worry about other things and be surprised.

Worry about what to say. Technically, the whole night can count as a first impression so the first words out of your mouth aren't as important as your last. Find some common ground and stick to it, but don't be afraid to let your more unique sides show. If you like Geordi LaForge and Phantom of the Opera, go on a limb and let it be known. It's better to get those things out in the open and who knows, maybe your date thinks gold visors are sexy. But don't take my word for it.

Another tricky thing is what to do. What's too much and what's not enough? I've always thought Young's Dairy would be a cool place, with its ice cream and putt-putt, but that's not really a winter activity. Somewhere equally tasty and engaging does just fine, though. Pick a place where you can get plenty of talking done and have all around fun. Movies are okay in a pinch, but only if you've run out of options.

Other than that, keep yourself civil and be sure to grill the friend who set you the next time you see him or her. Good luck.

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## Items that will make you envious...



The Mint Chocolate phone makes talking fashionable and sexy.



The Macbook is a great companion for looking sleek and stylish at Starbucks or Barnes & Noble.



Xbox 360 brings the envy on between gamers.



The iPod Nano makes others want to share your tunes.



# UAB holds auditions for aspiring singers at WSU

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University Activities Board (UAB) will be having a version of the popular television show, American Idol.

Campus Idol is open to any student and includes audition rounds, judges and a grand prize.

"If they think they can sing, they can come show us," said Leonda Metsker, UAB Themes and Traditions chair.

Interested people can sign up to participate in initial audition rounds Feb. 26, 27 and 28 from 4-7 p.m. Initial rounds will be held in Student Union rooms 105 and 107, but contestants will wait their turn across the hall and will need a \$2 entry fee. Walk-ins are also welcome.

At auditions, students can perform any song they want, a capella, in front of judges, just like you see on Ameri-

can Idol. Callbacks are Thursday, March 1, 4-7 p.m., to narrow down participants.

The actual show will be 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 2, in 101 Fawcett. It's free to attend and audience members will vote for their favorite singer. The winner will be awarded a \$50 gift card, a 30 minute slot performance at May Daze, and a possible interview with the campus radio station.

"I think it's something that a lot of people would enjoy and the prizes are going to be pretty good too. So if somebody's really into music, they might really want to try for it. I mean, if they can have fun doing karaoke, they would probably have fun," said Metsker.

Those who try out and make it to the final show will be asked to provide their own music. You can get a karaoke CD with backup you can sing to, or if you know someone who can play key-

board, they can bring a keyboard and hook it into the sound system. If you choose from a list of songs on the UAB website, they'll provide the CD so you don't have to buy one.

Auditions will be recorded and clips might be played while people set up at the show hosted by Mike George, UAB Marketing and PR chair. The UAB might put clips recorded at the show on YouTube, so everyone on campus can vote in case they couldn't attend, according to Metsker.

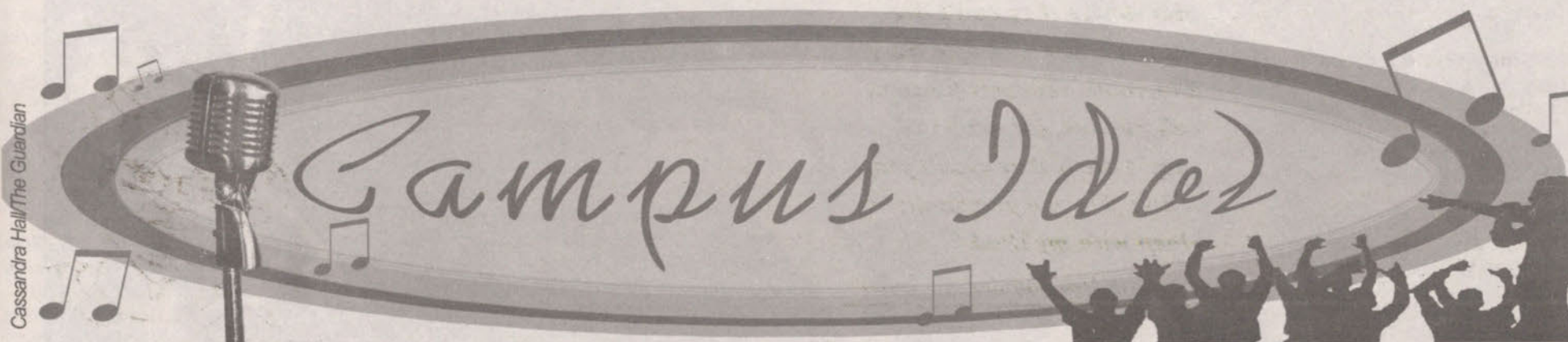
"On the fun side of it, it gives everybody something fun to do, people that don't either want to audition, or don't think they're good enough to audition or they just don't want to, they can come watch, 'cause you know, it's going to be fun. It's free entertainment, verses spending \$8, \$9 bucks to go to the movies, just on tickets," she said.

The judges will be UAB board and street members.

"We're going to look for obviously, someone who can sing. You don't have to be the greatest, because as long as you're good, more than likely, the judges will let you through. We're not looking to fit a certain image, but we're going to look for people that care about their appearances. Not care, like they have to have everything, but not coming dressed in mud stains."

"We want to see someone that's confident. They might be a little nervous, but even if they're nervous and they're showing up, that's going to give them some credit too. We're going to look for somebody that can sing and is going to be entertaining to the audience," said Metsker.

Only solo artists will be welcome. The UAB will advertise if there will be runner-ups and might put clips on YouTube. For the list of songs, visit [www.wright.edu/uab](http://www.wright.edu/uab).



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# Men extend win-streak to nine



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Freshman Todd Brown drives past an opponent. Brown led the team on Wednesday night with 22 points against Cleveland State. The Raiders are now in first place in the Horizon League standings, and with a win on Thursday over Youngstown State they are guaranteed at least a share of the regular season title.

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Wright State was able to extend their current winning streak to nine games after winning 68-55 over Cleveland State on Wednesday and 77-62 over Cal State Fullerton on Saturday.

Wednesday's game was, of course, a league game, but a very important one at that. With the win the Raiders were able to improve their first place status as they now have a full one game lead over second place Butler.

The way in which WSU was able to gain that extra half game was pretty

impressive, too. Instead of the usual DaShaun Wood leading the way, it was freshman Todd Brown who stepped up to hit the big shots when the Raiders needed them the most.

In both halves Brown hit a pivotal 3-pointer when it was needed and gave Wright State the momentum boosts that they needed for the win.

Then Saturday's game was a special night for many, not because the game was part of the Bracketbuster that ESPN sponsors, but because it was senior night. Head coach Brad Brownell started all four of his seniors, including Tyrone Scott and Reinaldo Smith, nei-

ther of which usually see that much playing time.

The Raiders came out a bit slow in the first half, especially Wood who was just 2-9 from the field in the first half. At the half the Raiders found themselves down 34-33.

But everything was different in the second half. Wood was making his shots, Wright State played better defense, and WSU proved they could beat more than just league opponents.

Heading into the game Cal State Fullerton's coach made it obvious that he thought the game was a waste of time since it wasn't going to be tele-

vised on a major ESPN network like he originally thought it was. But Brownell had different thoughts.

"It's a good win for us, beating a west coast team, because it gives us a little national recognition," said Brownell.

Wright State now has just one regular season game left and that is on the road in Youngstown on Thursday. WSU pounded the Penguins 62-49 in their first meeting this season, but there is a lot more riding on this game.

With a win on Thursday WSU will at least share the regular season title with Butler at the end of the season.



# Women are victorious over Detroit

## ■ Women snap four-game skid against struggling Detroit team

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The Lady Raiders have struggled all season, but finally showed their power by defeating Detroit 65-54 and sweeping the season series. It was ultimate payback for last year, when the Titans swept the Raiders.

While Detroit edged Wright State in the shooting percentage, 38.5 percent compared to 30.2 percent respectively, The Raiders had the better 3-point percentage for the game, and a nice 22 points from turnovers.

In the beginning the game was a see-saw battle between the struggling Raiders and the troubled Titans. The lead bounced back and fourth between the teams, with the Titans leading 11-8 with 7:37 left in the first half.

The Raiders then took the lead for good with a three pointer by Steph Comisar with 2:33 left in the first half. At the end of the half, the Raiders left the court with a three-point lead, 21-18.

Comisar chipped in seven points, while Brittney Whiteside nailed in 8 points.

In the second half, WSU scored 44 points to fend off the Lady Titans, including a few Erica Richardson free throws and a Whitney Lewis basket.

Whiteside led the team in the scoring category for the Lady Raiders with 20 points, followed by Richardson who had a career high 15 points. Comisar closed off the double-point scorers with 12 points.

The Lady Raiders (7-16, 5-7 HL) are fifth in the Horizon League standings. They are now five games behind fourth place UW-Milwaukee.

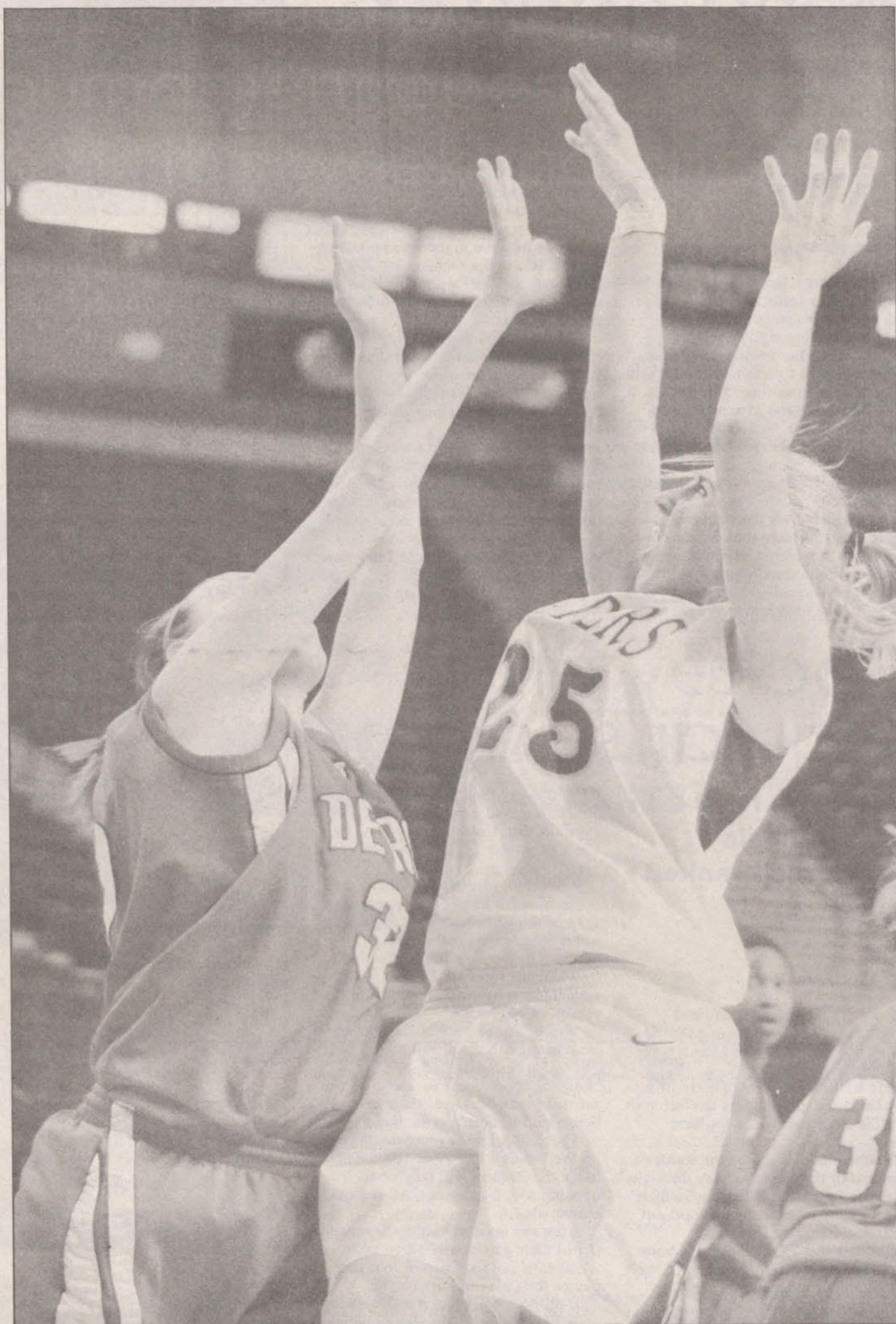
WSU has just four more regular season games left to play. In the next two games the Raiders will be traveling to Wisconsin to take on UW-Green Bay on Thursday and UW-Milwaukee on Saturday.

The Panthers and Phoenix have each defeated the Raiders earlier in the season, so heading into the games Wright State is looking to avoid the regular season sweep that each team has a chance of accomplishing this week.

Both of the games start at 8:00 p.m. on their respected nights.

The Ladies will then finish out their regular season with a pair of home games.

That home action will begin on March 1 against Cleveland State. They will then finish off the regular season against Youngstown State on March 3 in the Nutter Center.



Freshman Erica Richardson takes a shot over a Detroit opponent on Thursday night. Richardson had a career high 15 points in the win that snapped a four-game losing streak for the Raiders.

Jenna Zeidler / The Guardian



# Softball dealt a losing hand

■ Team goes 0-6 while competing in tournament out in Las Vegas

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An 0-6 start is definitely not the way Wright State's softball was looking to kick off a new season.

After finishing with an overall record of 7-41 last season the Raiders were looking to turn things around this season. They have nine freshman on this year's team and 11 new players overall.

But clearly, not much has changed yet from last season.

The team took part in the Louisville Slugger Desert Classic out in Las Vegas, Nevada over the weekend. While there the team took on six opponents, two of which, Oregon State and UCLA, were in the College World Series last year.

During the tournament Wright State

was outscored 62-9 overall with pitchers Jamie Perkins and Allison Cox each taking responsibility for three of those losses.

In the opening game against Cal State Northridge WSU didn't even record a hit. They were shutout as CSN threw a no-hitter against the Raiders.

Things then got a little better for the rest of the tournament as Wright State was able to score in the five remaining games. But that was about all they could due as WSU's pitching was unable to contain any of the offensives that they faced.

The opponent that took advantage of the Raider's pitching misfortune the most was Southern Utah, who outscored Wright State by 14 runs in route to a 16-2 pounding of the Raiders.

Now the lady's have a weekend to lick their wounds before they head off to their next tournament held in Marietta, GA. While there, Wright State will take part in the Buzz Classic and will go head-to-head against some teams such as Purdue and Middle Tennessee State.

That action will begin on Friday, March 2 at 10:00 a.m.

# Hockey ends regular season

■ Raiders fall 3-2 in season finale against top ranked Miami

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It wasn't the season finale that Wright State had been hoping for but Friday night's 3-2 loss to Miami is the one they got.

After falling behind 3-0 early in the second period, the Raiders were able to give the Redhawks a run for their money.

Stephen Zeihler scored the Raider's first goal of the game midway through the second period and Jeremy Swihart's goal midway into the third period put WSU to within one.

But that was all the closer the team managed to get. But they did have their scoring opportunities in the final moments of the game.

With just two minutes left in the third period Wright State had five consecutive face-offs in Miami's end of the

ice and every time Bobby Fleck was able to win and get the puck back to Jayson Cash. Unfortunately none of Cash's five shots found the back of the net.

After that, Miami was able to keep possession for most of the remaining 1:34 of the game and the Raiders were never able to get another shot off.

Tony Tabisz was credited with the loss but still finished the season with a very impressive overall record for the season of 13-4-0.

Wright State now finishes their regular season with an overall record of 23-7-0 and are heading to the ACHA National Tournament for the third consecutive year. This year the event is being held in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The action for the tournament begins on Wednesday, Feb 28 at 10:00 a.m. when the Raiders will take on their opening round opponent, Albany State University.

After the opening round the remainder of their games will depend on whether or not they win or lose the games they play in Fort Wayne.

If all goes well, like it did last season, the team will then play in the championship game on Saturday.

## Scoreboard

### Box Scores

#### Softball

##### Friday

WSU	000	000	0	0	2
CSU	200	033	8	12	2
W-Pitzenberger L- Perkins					

SU	661	03	16	19	2
WSU	200	00	2	6	4
W - Burnell L - Cox					

##### Saturday

OSU	070	010	1	9	13	0
WSU	101	000	0	2	6	2
W- McGowa L - Perkins						

WSU	100	00	1	4	2
Cal Poly	403	02	9	10	0
W- Kontra L - Cox					

##### Sunday

PSU	302	300	0	8	10	0
WSU	000	101	0	2	11	4
W- Taylor L-Cox						

WSU	100	10	2	2	3
UCLA	336	0X	12	14	0
W- Dodd L-Perkins					

#### Men's Basketball

##### Wednesday

Cleveland State	27	28	-	55
Wright State	33	35	-	68

##### Saturday

Cal State Full.	34	28	-	62
Wright State	33	44	-	77

#### Women Basketball

##### Thursday

Detroit	18	36	-	54
Wright State	21	44	-	65

#### Hockey

##### Friday

Miami	2	1	0	3
Wright State	0	1	1	2

### Upcoming Events

#### Men's Basketball

Thursday, Feb. 22

WSU at Youngstown

7:00 p.m.

#### Women's Basketball

Thursday, Feb. 22

WSU at UW-Green Bay

8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24

WSU at UW-Milwaukee

8:00 p.m.

#### Baseball

Friday, Feb. 23

WSU at Mississippi

4:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24

WSU at Mississippi

2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 25

WSU at Mississippi

2:30 p.m.

#### Swimming/Diving

Wednesday, Feb. 21-

Saturday, Feb 24

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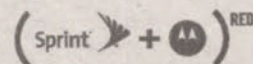
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
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# Pressure

*After finishing in second place last year, the men's and women's teams look to be on top again*

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The Horizon League Swimming and Diving Championships are starting this week up in Chicago, Ill. and once again Wright State has a shot at bringing home a championship on both the men's and women's side.

The men have had top performances all season long and have compiled a record of 9-2. Meanwhile the women have been battling injuries all season long but they too have been at the top or at least near the top in every meet this season and have an overall record of 6-6.

However, there may be a little added pressure to both teams this season. The men's and women's teams have combined for 16 championships in the past 14 years. However, last season was the first time since 2000 that neither team was able to bring home a championship.

But even with that in mind winning is still not the first thing on Brinn's mind. He would rather see his athletes prosper first, and if that happens then a championship usually will go hand-in-hand.

"I would like to see good performances by swimmers," said Brinn. "In terms of how we do as a team in the tournament, yeah we would like to win, but I think what's more important is seeing good individual performances and if that happens, then we should succeed."

On the men's side look to see Warren Thompson, Rafael Candido and Scott Lang's name toward the top in

each of their events. These are the three who have experienced the most success during the regular season and nothing should change in the tournament.

But other individuals should be in the mix as well. In 11 of the 14 individual events Wright State has three or more swimmers with times in the top 10 of the league. No other team, including the defending Horizon League champions of Cleveland State come close to accomplishing this.

On the women's side look for Catalina Martinez, Mabel Fernandez, and Jess Weidert to lead the Raiders in the tournament.

For the women it will be both Wisconsin teams who will give Wright State the most problems. Both Green Bay and Milwaukee will be the teams that will join Wright State at the top of the overall team rankings.

In addition to that, WSU won't be competing with a full team. Do to injuries the green and gold will have just 15 swimmers and four divers while most teams, including Green Bay and Milwaukee, will compete 16 swimmers and six divers.

But in the end none of those numbers matter. It's what the team does in the pool that does matter and will determine who wins the championship for 2007.

"It's a matter of who wants it more, it's just a matter of who does the job to get it back," Brinn said.

Obviously Brinn hopes it's Wright State who does their job the best while they are in Chicago.

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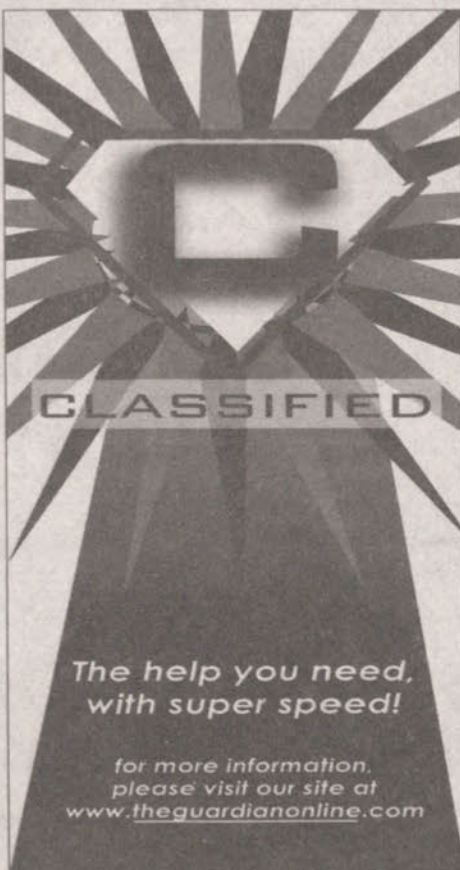
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2	8	5	1	4	3	6	8	1
5	8	1	3	6	2	8	4	1
3	1	2	8	1	4	5	6	8
8	6	4	8	1	5	1	2	3
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1	1	8	4	3	6	8	5	2
4	5	8	1	2	8	3	1	6

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	6	4						3
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	8						4	
			1	4	3			
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	3				8			

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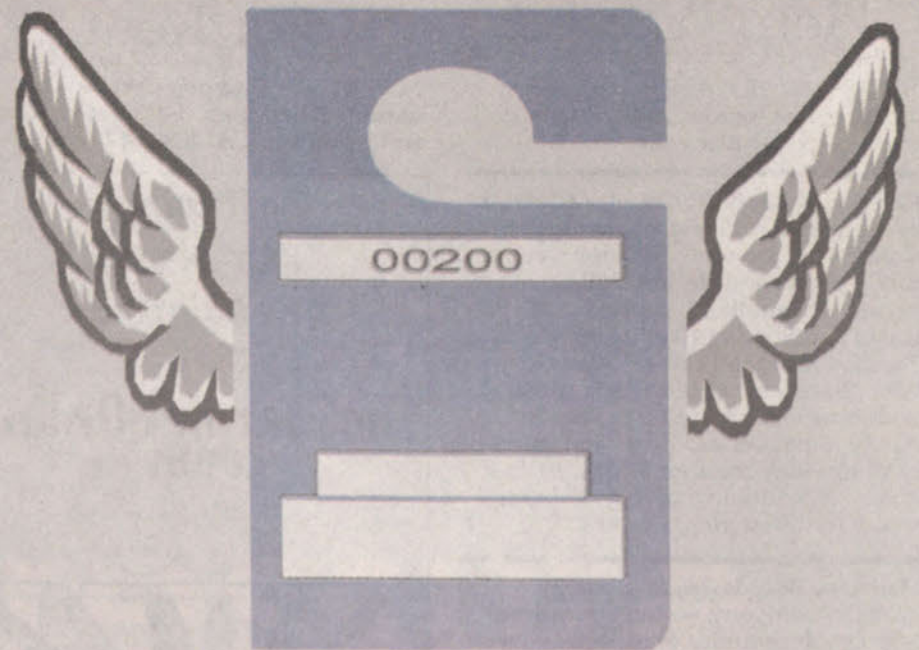


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